Tampa Bay Buccaneers

NFC South



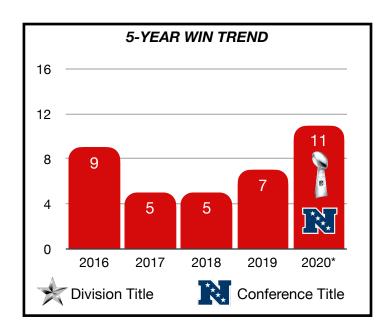
Team Overview







TAMPA BAY BIO All-Time Record: 278-429-1 Location: Tampa, FL Official Colors Red Pewter Coach: Bruce Arians (3rd Year: 22-14) 2020 Results: 11-5 2nd in NFC South Super Bowl LV Champions



Stadium: Raymond James Stadium - Capacity: 65,618





2021 Schedule and Past Results

2021-2022 Tampa Bay Schedule				
Week	Date		Team	
1	Thu, Sept 9		vs. Dallas	
2	Sun, Sept 19		vs. Atlanta	
3	Sun, Sept 26		@ LA Rams	
4	Sun, Oct 3		@ New England	
5	Sun, Oct 10		vs. Miami	
6	Thu, Oct 14		@ Philadelphia	
7	Sun, Oct 24		vs. Chicago	
8	Sun, Oct 31		@ New Orleans	
9	Bye Week			
10	Sun, Nov 14	77	@ Washington	
11	Mon, Nov 22	The state of the s	vs. NY Giants	
12	Sun, Nov 28	C	@ Indianapolis	
13	Sun, Dec 5		@ Atlanta	
14	Sun, Dec 12		vs. Buffalo	
15	Sun, Dec 19		vs. New Orleans	
16	Sun, Dec 26		@ Carolina	
17	Sun, Jan 2		@ NY Jets	
18	Sun, Jan 9		vs. Carolina	

2017 (5-11)		
W 29-7		
L 17-34		
W 25-23		
L 14-19		
L 33-38		
L 27-30		
L 3-17		
L 10-30		
W 15-10		
W 30-20		
L 20-34		
L 20-26		
L 21-24		
L 21-24		
L 19-22		
W 31-24		

2020 (11-5)		
@ New Orleans	L 23-34	
vs. Carolina	W 31-17	
@ Denver	W 28-10	
vs. LA Chargers	W 38-31	
@ Chicago	L 19-20	
vs. Green Bay	W 38-10	
@ Las Vegas	W 45-20	
@ NY Giants	W 25-23	
vs. New Orleans	L 3-38	
@ Carolina	W 46-23	
vs. LA Rams	L 24-27	
vs. Kansas City	L 24-27	
vs. Minnesota	W 26-14	
@ Atlanta	W 31-27	
@ Detroit	W 47-7	
vs. Atlanta	W 44-27	
@ Washington*	W 31-23	
@ New Orleans*	W 30-20	
@ Green Bay*	W 31-26	
vs. Kansas City*	W 31-9	

Recent Draft Picks

	2021, Rd 1, Pk 32	Joe Tyron-Shoyinka, LB, Washington
	2021, Rd 2, Pk 64	Kyle Trask, QB, Florida
	2021, Rd 3, Pk 95	Robert Hainsey, OL, Notre Dame
	2021, Rd 4, Pk 129	Jaelon Darden, WR, North Texas
	2021, Rd 5, Pk 176	K.J. Britt, LB, Auburn
	2021, Rd 7, Pk 251	Chris Wilcox, DB, BYU
	2021, Rd 7, Pk 259	Grant Stuard, LB, Houston
	2020, Rd 1, Pk 13	Tristan Wirfs, T, Iowa
	2020, Rd 2, Pk 45	Antoine Winfield Jr., S, Minnesota
	2020, Rd 3, Pk 76	Ke'Shawn Vaughn, RB, Vanderbilt
	2020, Rd 5, Pk 161	Tyler Johnson, WR, Minnesota
	2020, Rd 6, Pk 194	Khalil Davis, DT, Nebraska
	2020, Rd 7, Pk 241	Chapelle Russell, LB, Temple
	2020, Rd 7, Pk 245	Raymond Calais, RB, Louisiana
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2020 Team Statistics

Points Scored Points Allowed Passing Yards Rushing Yards Turnover Margin

30.8 22.2 289.1 94.9 +8
3rd in NFL 8th in NFL 2nd in NFL T-28th in NFL 6th in NFL

2021 Projections

Key Players



#27 - Ronald Jones II - RB - 4th Season

Jones had a breakthrough season in 2020 after a shaky start to his professional career where he rushed for just 44 yards on 23 carries in his rookie season. 2019 was much better with 724 yards on 4.2 yards per carry and 2020 was his best season yet. He was on pace to top 1,000 yards until an injury slowed down his progress. He missed the wild card game against Washington altogether and had just 16 yards against Green Bay. Needless to say, Tampa Bay wouldn't mind a little more from their running game and Jones should be the primary back on a unit that should be relatively deep.

#13 - Mike Evans - WR - 8th Season

Death, taxes, and Mike Evans recording 1,000 yards receiving in a season. Evans became the first player ever to begin a career with seven straight 1,000 yard seasons, although he only topped that mark by 6 yards last season. Still, what Evans has done in his career has been nothing short of incredible, especially considering he has caught passes from three different quarterbacks in that time. Obviously, having the greatest quarterback of all time in the backfield can only help. Expect another big year out of Evans, assuming health, as he should once again be the primary target.



No Super Bowl team has repeated since the Patriots (led by some guy named Tom Brady) did it in 2004 and 2005. Of course, Tom Brady is back, as are the remaining 20 starters on last year's Buccaneers Super Bowl squad. Brady will be hungry for another title to even further cement his legacy as the greatest of all time. Oddly enough, a loss to Kansas City in Week 13 had Buccaneers' fans concerned for their team's playoff hopes. Tampa Bay had lost three out of four including a 35-point blowout to division rival New Orleans. The Buccaneers haven't lost since and rattled off eight straight wins including three straight playoff wins on the road and a Super Bowl beatdown against those same Kansas City Chiefs.

Brady restructured his contract and the front office did the financial gymnastics necessary to bring back all 22 starters and Tampa is poised for another Super Bowl run. In fact, they could be even better than last year which is scary considering some of the pieces they have added to improve depth. With Drew Brees' retirement, there is some expectation that New Orleans will take a step back and Carolina and Atlanta seem to be in a rebuilding phase.

The offense was one of the best in the NFL last season and should be impressive once again, especially if wide receivers Mike Evans and Chris Godwin can stay healthy. The running back room should be fairly deep as well. Ronald Jones II has improved every season and could be reaching his prime entering year four. Leonard Fournette was a key back late in the season and last year's draft pick Ke'Shawn Vaughn should see more carries. The Bucs also added Giovani Bernard who might be the best receiving option out of the backfield.

Tampa was the best team defending the run, allowing a minuscule 80.6 rush yards per game. The 3-4 defense with a front line of Ndamukong Such, Vita Tea, and William Gholston was a big reason for that and the linebackers were excellent as well. I'm not calling for a repeat, but I am calling for a division title and maybe even the best regular season win total.

Aaron's Projection: (13-4) 1st in NFC South



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